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1. "The Shkolla Arterise Mbrojtjes Bregdetare (Coastal Artillery School) in Durres is a unit of the Division of Coastal Defense. My information on coastal and antiaircraft batteries at Durres dates through early August 1952.
2. "The coastal artillery guns at Durres are under the command of the Komanda Brigades Mbrojtjes Bregdetare (Headquarters, Division of the Coastal Defense), Durres. The antiaircraft guns are under the command of the Antiaircraft Division of Tirana.

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"A-1 Soviet 152-mm coastal artillery gun, viewed from the rear. Based on a reinforced concrete pillbox with mobile steel turret.

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"A-2 Profile of the above gun.

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"B-1 Soviet 152-mm antiaircraft gun mounted on mobile carriage. At Durres such guns were set in concrete platforms.

"B-2 Profile of the above gun.

Location legend for the map:

- "1. One 152-mm coastal artillery gun installed there at time of observation, but not in operation. Located on the hill approximately 40-50 meters above sea level.
- "2. Two 152-mm coastal artillery guns, separated 20 m from each other. Guns covered with camouflage (maskerim). Guns visible from the Adriatic. Single command.
- "3. Two 152-mm coastal artillery guns, on the hill of Durres, approximately 60 m above sea level. Separated 20 m from each other. Single command.
- "4. Four 152-mm antiaircraft guns, fixed on a concrete platform about 150 m above sea level."

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